GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Department - Diversion of 6.10 ha of forest land in Compt.No.217 & 218 of Veerasettipalli "B" RF, Chittoor (West) Division for renewal of mining lease for extraction of Black Granite in favour of M/s Tirumala Granites, Chittoor – Extension of validity of the Forest Clearance approval as co-terminus with the period of mining lease - Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.67 **Dated:22.09.2022**

Read the following:-

1) From GoI, MoEF, Bangalore, Lr.No.F(C)/A16.1/65/AP/MIN, dt.21.01.2003.
2) G.O.Ms.No.5, EFS&T(FOR.I) Dept., dt.25.01.2003.
3) From GoI, MoEF&CC, Lr.No.4-APC882/2012-BAN/361, dt.18.06.2015.
4) G.O.Ms.No.62, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.06.07.2015.
5) From GoI, MoEF&CC, Lr.F.No.4-APC882/2012-BAN/0516, dt.05.04.2018.
6) Comprehensive Guidelines issued by GoI, MoEF&CC, New Delhi in Lr.No.F.No.5-2/2017-FC, dt.28.03.2019.
7) The User Agency i.e., M/s Tirumala Granites, Chittoor, letter dt.26.05.2022.
8) Govt.Memo.No.1298/Sec.II/2022/1740275, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.24.06.2022.
9) From PCCF & HoFF, Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15020/23/2022-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, dt.09.08.2022.

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ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, have accorded stage-II approval under section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 6.10 ha of forest land in Compt.No.217 & 218 of Veerasettipalli "B" RF, Chittoor (West) Division for mining of black granite in favour of M/s Tirumala Granites, Chittoor, for a period of 10 years w.e.f. 04.10.2002, subject to certain conditions stipulated therein. In the G.O.2nd read above, State Government issued orders for diversion of above said forest land for a period of 10 (ten) years, subject to certain conditions stipulated therein.

2. The Director of Mines and Geology, Andhra Pradesh in proceedings No.3256/R4-2/2003, dt.05.02.2003, the ADMG, Chittoor vide proceedings No.379/Q/2003, dt.15.02.2003, has granted lease for Black Granites for 20 years i.e., from 15.02.2003 to 14.02.2023.

3. In the letter 3rd read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, have accorded stage-II approval under section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 6.10 ha of forest land in Compt.No.217 & 218 of Veerasettipalli "B" RF, Chittoor (West) Division for renewal of mining lease for extraction of Black Granite in favour of M/s Tirumala Granites, Chittoor, for a period of ten (10) years, subject to certain conditions stipulated therein. In the G.O.4th read above, State Government issued orders for diversion of the above said forest land, subject to certain conditions stipulated therein.

4. In the letter 5th read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, has informed the validity of the forest clearance (stage-II) approval dated 18.06.2015 accorded for the proposal shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of mining lease as deemed extended under the Rules made under Section 15 of MMDR Act, 1957 as per the Ministry's guidelines No.11-51/2015-FC, dated 30.11.2017.

5. In the letter 7th read above, the User Agency, has requested for extension of validity of forest clearance co-terminus with the period of mining as deemed extended under Rules made under Section -15 of MMDR Act, 1957 as per permission accorded by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Regional Office (SE Zone), Chennai in the letter 5th read above. In turn, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force has been requested to furnish the compliance report on the Stage-II conditions stipulated by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change letter dt.18.06.2015 for taking further action in the matter vide in the Memo.8th read above.

6. In the letter 9th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, has furnished the compliance report on the conditions stipulated in the stage-II approval accorded by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change letter dt.18.06.2015 and also furnished authenticated DGPS maps. He has stated the user agency has deposited an amount of Rs.9.14 lakh into Adhoc-CAMPA account i.e., CAF-037100101025198 through RTGS(CNRBR-52015041300551046, from CANARA Bank Chittoor) on 13.04.2015 towards the NPV cost of 1.46 ha of forest land falling in safety zone area of mining lease @6.26

lakh per hectare as per the condition (i) of Stage-I approval accorded by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Regional Office, Chennai in F.no.4-APC882/2012-BAN/85, dt.23.05.2015. The NPV amount paid towards safety zone area was also informed to the State Government vide letter 02.05.2015. Thus, the User Agency has paid NPV amount for the entire area of 7.56 ha (6.10 ha is mining lease area and 1.46 ha is Safety zone area).

7. Further, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force has stated the DMG, Ibrahimpatnam in his Proceeding No.1205/D13-1/2022, dt.14.03.2022 has granted 1st renewal beyond the period of 15.02.2023 and upto 14.02.2043 subject to condition that the lessee shall obtain forest clearance under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for renewal period of 20 years in accordance with the provision of FC Act, rules and orders in force well in advance and also to comply the conditions laid down in G.O.Ms.No.62, EFS&T (Sec.II) Department, dt.06.07.2015 in the subject area. Subsequently, the Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Chittoor vide Rc.No.4293/RQL/2021, Dt:27.4.2022 has executed agreement with user agency and accorded permission to M/s. Tirumala Granites, Proprietary: Sri R.Lokanadha Naidu to work for Black Granites over an extent of 5.500 ha in Compartment No.217 & 218 of Veeasettpalli "B" RF, Chittoor (West) Division, Yadamarri Mandal, Chittoor District for further period of 20 years with effect from 15.02.2023 to 14.02.2043.

8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force has therefore requested to take necessary action as deemed fit for extending the forest clearance co-terminus with the mining lease granted by the DMG, Ibrahimpatnam upto 14.02.2023 and also clarification may be obtained from the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada for extending forest clearance for the subsequent renewal period granted by DMG, AP, Ibrahimpatnam, Krishna district upto 14.02.2043.

9. After careful examination of the proposal and as per para 7.3 (vi) of Chapter -7 of Comprehensive Guidelines issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change in the letter 6th read above, Government hereby order that the validity of the forest clearance accorded by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change letter dt.18.06.2015 under Section-2 (ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 6.10 ha of forest land in Compt.No.217 & 218 of Veerasettipalli "B" RF, Chittoor (West) Division for renewal of mining lease for extraction of Black Granite in favour of M/s Tirumala Granites, Chittoor, shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of mining lease i.e., 14.02.2023 granted by the Mines & Geology Department under section 15 of MMDR Act, 1957, subject to compliance of conditions stipulated under Para 7.3 (vi) of Chapter 7 of the Comprehensive Guidelines issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change in letter dt.28.03.2019.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)
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SPCIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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